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1. WE CAN ADD LITTLE TO INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT AT TIME MENG PRESENTED CREDENTIALS, LOCAL PRESS STATED THAT PRIOR TO BEING APPOINTED PRC AMBASSADOR TO MALI, MENG HAD BEEN DIRECTOR OF A PETROCHEMICAL PLANT (NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED), AND DIRECTOR OF THE DESIGN INSTITUTE OF FIRST MINISTRY OF MACHINE BUILDING. NO PHOTOS AVAILABLE, BUT MENG IS RATHER TALL FOR CHINESE (ABOUT 5'11"), SQUARE BUILD, IRON-GREY HAIR.

2. SINCE MENG'S ARRIVAL IN SOFIA, CHINESE MILATT, COL. CHEN, HAS BEEN RATHER LESS FORWARD IN HIS CONTACTS WITH AMERICANS THAN HERETOFORE, THOUGH STILL FRIENDLY. HE HAS TOLD CHARGE THAT HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BE MORE FORMAL IN HIS DEALINGS WITH AMERICANS. AT ROMANIAN ARMY DAY RECEPTION OCTOBER 23, AMBASSADOR MENG PASSED BY WHILE CHARGE WAS ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION WITH CHINESE COUNSELOR BAI SHOU-MIEN ON SECRETARY'S JUST CONCLUDED VISIT TO PEKING. BAI HALTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMBASSADOR AND ATTEMPTED TO INTRODUCE CHARGE, BUT MENG DECLINED VERY ABRUPTLY (BU YAO) AND PASSED ON. HERETOFORE

BAI HAS BEEN MOST CORDIAL, AND HAS SHOWN AN EAGERNESS
TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION. SO TOO COL. CHEN. WE HOPE
AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL WILL NOT INHIBIT CONTACT BETWEEN
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